

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action dated August 30 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4-9, 21 and 22. Claims 2, 3 and 10-19 are allowed. Claim 1 and 21 are amended and Claim 2 is cancelled in this amendment. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the following remarks. Claims 1, 3-19 and 21-22 remain pending in this application.

Rejections under 35 U. S. C 103 (a)

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 21 have been rejected as unpatentable over Lyons et al., U.S Patent 6,793,910 (hereinafter Lyons). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Independent Claims 1 and 21 are amended incorporating allowable subject matter from claim 2 to make them in condition for allowance. Therefore the Applicants request the Examiner to allow claims 1 and 21 and claims 4, 8, and 9 depending therefrom.

Claim 1 and 4-9, 21 and 22 have been rejected as unpatentable over Lyons et al., U.S Patent 6,793,910 (hereinafter Lyons) as applied to claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 21 above and further in view of Kesker et al., U.S Patent 6,066,307 (herein after Kesker). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1 and 21 are amended incorporating allowable subject matter from claim 2 to make them in condition for allowance. Therefore the Applicants request the Examiner to allow claims 1 and 21 and claims 4-9, and 22 depending therefrom.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 2-3 and 10-19 are allowed. Since the subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated in claim 1, claim 2 is cancelled.

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Summary

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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